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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 112

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense

The President has received from General Norstad a letter dated January 10, 1962, a copy of which is enclosed. This letter responds to that portion of the President's October 20, 1961 letter to General Norstad which requested the latter's views on command and control procedures.

The President referred to this request in his later letter of 5 December 1961 to General Norstad.

Could you please furnish to the President by January your joint assessment of General Norstad's response in the enclosure? If you feel that this most recent letter is inadequate in major respects, would you also jointly recommend to the President an appropriate further action? In this latter connection I am under the impression that there was fairly general agreement within the government to avoid, if possible, any further proliferation of correspondence between the President and General Norstad on this subject.

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Enclosure

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